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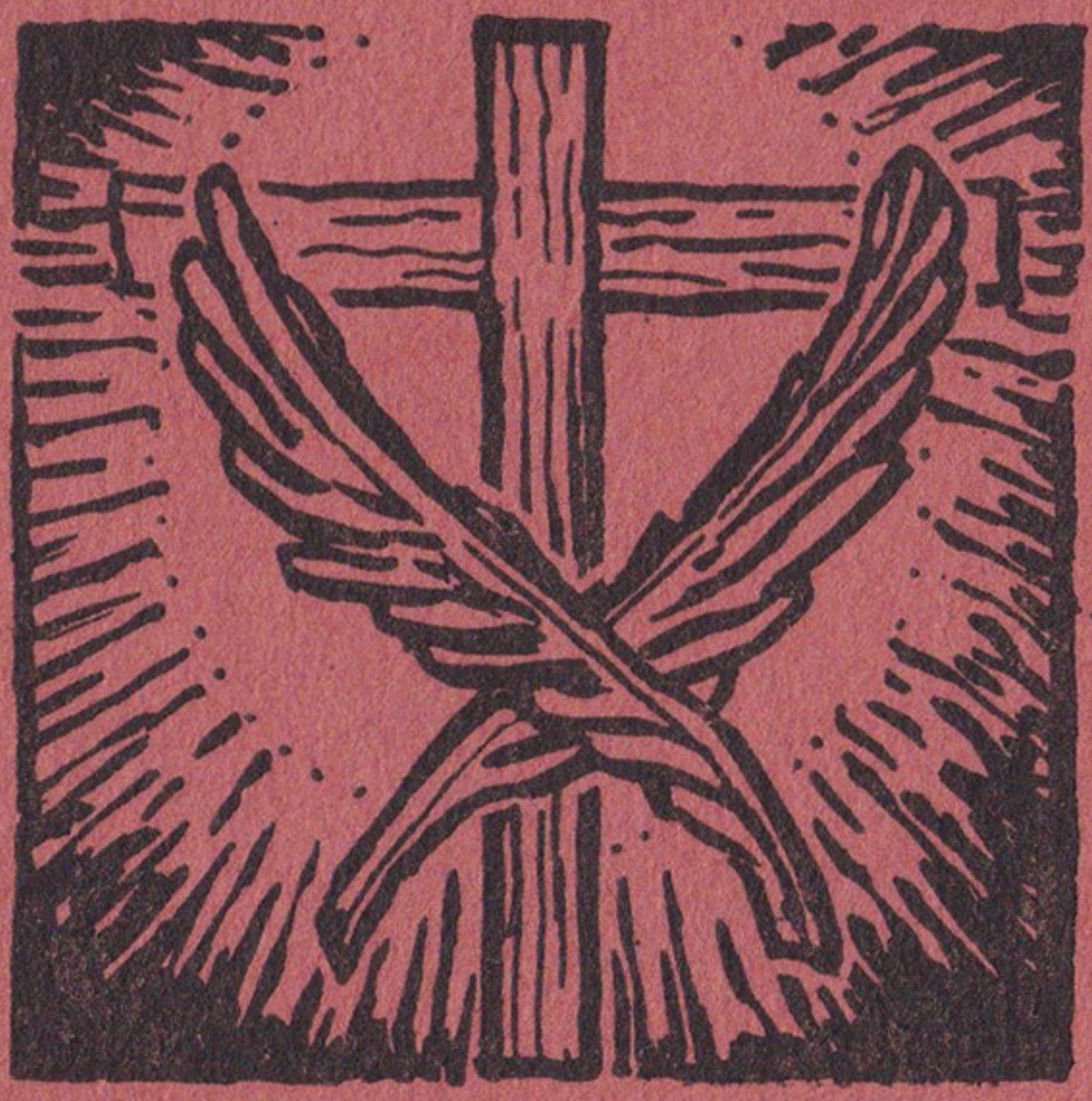

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PALM SUNDAY

Blessing of the Psalms

ANTHEM

HOSANNA to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

BL✠ESS, O Lord, we pray thee, these branches of palm and olive: and grant: that as thy people outwardly with their bodies do worship thee, so inwardly in their souls they may serve thee with pure devotion, that they may be victorious over the assaults of the enemy and cleave steadfastly unto all good works. Through.

Distribution of the Palms

ANTHEMS

1. *The children of the Hebrews, bearing branches of olive, went out to meet the Lord, crying out and saying: Hosanna in the highest.*

Ps. 24, vv 1-2.

The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas: and prepared it upon the floods.

The children, etc.

vv 7, 8

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the king of glory shall come in.
Who is the king of glory?: it is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.

The children.

vv 9, 10

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors: and the king of glory shall come in.
Who is the king of glory?: even the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

The children.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The children.

2. *The children of the Hebrews strawed their raiment in the way and cried out saying: Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

Ps. 47

O clap your hands together all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
For the Lord is high and to be feared: he is the great king upon all the earth.

The children, etc.

He shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet.
He shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.

The children.

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump.
O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our king.

The children.

For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.
God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.

The children.

The princes of the people: are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham.
For God, which is very high exalted: doth defend the earth, as it were with a shield.

The children.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The children.

GOSPEL

St. Matt. 21. 1

AT that time: When they drew nigh unto Jerusalem and were come to Bethpage unto the Mount of Olives: then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them: Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them and bring them unto me: and if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say: The Lord hath need of them, and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Prophet, saying: Tell ye the daughter of Sion: Behold thy King cometh unto thee, meek and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them: and brought the ass, and the colt: and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way: others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way: and the multitudes that went before and that followed, cried, saying: Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

The Procession

ANTHEMS

1

THE multitudes with flowers and branches go forth to meet their Redeemer: and render worthy homage to the triumphant conqueror: the Gentiles with their lips proclaim the Son of God: and in the praise of Christ their voices thunder through the sky: Hosanna in the highest.

2

WITH the Angels and the children may we be found faithful, crying unto the vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest.

3

MUCH people that were come to the feast cried unto the Lord: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

4

THE whole multitude of them that went down began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; saying, Blessed be the king that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace on earth, and glory in the highest.

Hymn to Christ the King

Either English Hymnal 622, *or:*

GLORY and praise and dominion be thine, Christ, King and Redeemer: Thou to whom children of old sweetly Hosanna did sing.

℟. Glory and praise.

ISRAEL'S King art thou, the glorious offspring of David: Blessed art thou that comest, a King in the name of the Lord.

℟. Glory and praise.

WHILE in the highest heaven thine armies of Angels extol thee, Men give thee glory on earth, nature re-echoes the song.

℟. Glory and praise.

ONCE with branches of palm came Hebrew children to meet thee: Now with our prayers and our hymns we to thy presence draw near.

℟. Glory and praise.

5

ERE thy sorrowful passion, they offered their dutiful service: We lift our praises to thee, now that thou reignest on high.

℟. Glory and praise.

THOU didst their service accept: accept then the prayer that we offer, King most gracious and kind, joying in all that is good.

℟. Glory and praise.

5

THEY magnify thy name together and say: Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

Ps. 147, vv 12 to end.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion.
For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates: and hath blessed thy children within thee.
He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the flour of wheat.
He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: and his word runneth very swiftly.
He giveth snow like wool: and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who is able to abide his frost?
He sendeth out his word and melteth them: he bloweth with his wind and the waters flow.
He sheweth his word unto Jacob: his statutes and ordinances unto Israel.
He hath not dealt so with any nation: neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Repeat All men, *etc.*

6

WITH waving palm-branches let us cast ourselves before the Lord who cometh: let us go forth to meet him with hymns and songs, giving glory to him and saying, Blessed be the Lord.

7

HAIL, O our King, Son of David and Redeemer of the world, whom the prophets have foretold to be him that cometh as the Saviour of the house of Israel. For thee the Father hath sent into the world, the saving victim, to whom look forward all the saints which have been since the world began, and now "Hosanna to the Son of David, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

Other hymns to Christ the King may be sung.

As the celebrant passes into the church the following is sung:

8

WHEN the Lord entered the holy city: the children of the Hebrews foretold the resurrection of life. And bearing branches of palms cried out: Hosanna in the highest.
When the people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they went forth to meet him.
And bearing branches of palm cried out: Hosanna in the highest.

At the altar.

℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, our King and Redeemer, in whose honour we have borne these boughs, and sung hymns of solemn praise: mercifully grant; that wheresoever these boughs shall be taken, there the grace of thy blessing may come down upon us, and that the wickedness and crafts of all evil spirits being brought to nought, the defence of thy right hand may be over them whom thou hast redeemed. Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. ℟ Amen.

Mass

INTROIT

BE not thou far from me, O Lord, thou art my succour, haste thee to help me: save me from the lion's mouth, thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. *Ps.* My God, my God, look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me: and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

Be not thou.

COLLECT

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant; that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection: Through the same.

EPISTLE

Phil. 2. 5

BRETHREN: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him: and given him a Name which is above every name: *(Here genuflect)* that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GRADUAL

THOU hast holden me by my right hand: thou shalt guide me with thy counsel: and after that receive me with glory. ℣. Truly God is loving unto Israel, even unto such as are of a clean heart: nevertheless, my feet were almost gone: my treadings had well-nigh slipt: and why? I was grieved at the wicked, I do also see the ungodly in such prosperity.

TRACT

MY God, my God, look upon me: why hast thou forsaken me? ℣. And art so far from my health; and from the words of my complaint? ℣. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not: and in the night season also I take no rest. ℣. But thou continuest holy, O thou worship of Israel. ℣. Our fathers hoped in thee: they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them. ℣. They called upon thee, and were holpen: they put their trust in thee, and were

not confounded. ℣. But as for me, I am a worm, and no man: a very scorn of men, and the outcast of the people. ℣. All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads saying: ℣. He trusted in God, that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, if he will have him. ℣. They stand staring and looking upon me: they part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. ℣. Save me from the lion's mouth: thou hast heard me also from among the horns of the unicorns. ℣. O praise the Lord, ye that fear him: magnify him, all ye seed of Jacob. ℣. They shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation: they shall come, and the heavens shall declare his righteousness. ℣. Unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

The PASSION of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

In some churches only Part II of the Passion is used.

I

AT that time:

Jesus cometh with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples: Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them: My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying: O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep: and saith unto Peter: What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch

and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying: O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them: Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me. And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying: Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he, hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said: Hail, Master. And kissed him. And Jesus said unto him: Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him: Put up again thy sword into his place. For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of Angels? But how then shall the Scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes: Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me, But all this was done, that the Scriptures of the Prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him and fled. And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace,

and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end. Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death: but found none: yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, and said: This fellow said: I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the high priest arose, and said unto him: Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him: I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus said unto him: Thou hast said. Nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying: He hath spoken blasphemy: what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy: what think ye? They answered and said: He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in his face and buffeted him, and others smote him with the palms of their hands, saying: Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying: Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying: I know not what thou sayest. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said unto them that were there: This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath: I know not the man. And after a while came unto him they that stood by, and said to Peter: Surely thou also art one of them: for thy speech bewrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear. saying: I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him: Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

II

AND when the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus, to put him to death, And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas who had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying: I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said: What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed: and went and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said: It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury: because it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the Prophet saying: And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value: and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me. And Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, saying: Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him: Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then saith Pilate unto him: Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them: Whom will ye that I release unto you: Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had

delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him saying: Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them: Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said: Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them: What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ? They all say unto him: Let him be crucified. And the governor said: Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying: Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made: he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying: I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said: His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus he delivered him to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers: and they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe: and when they had platted a crown of thorns they put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand. And they bowed the knee before him, and mocked him, saying: Hail, King of the Jews. And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him they took the robe off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him. And as they came out they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull: they gave him vinegar to drink mingled with gall. And when he had tasted thereof he would not drink. And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled, which

was spoken by the Prophet: They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. And sitting down they watched him there. And set up over his head his accusation written: This is Jesus the King of the Jews. Then were there two thieves crucified with him: one on the right hand, and another on the left. And they that passed by reviled him: wagging their heads, and saying: Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days: save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said: He saved others, himself he cannot save: if he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him: he trusted in God: let him deliver him now, if he will have him; for he said: I am the Son of God. The thieves also, which were crucified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying: Eli, Eli lama sabachthani? That is to say: My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said: This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said: Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. *(Here genuflect.)* And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom: and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent, and the graves were opened: and many bodies of saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying: Truly this was the Son of God.

III

AND many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children. When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathæa, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple. He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

OFFERTORY

THY rebuke hath broken my heart, I am full of heaviness: I looked for some to have pity on me, but there was no man: neither found I any to comfort me: they gave me gall to eat, and when I was thirsty they gave me vinegar to drink.

Preface of the Cross

COMMUNION

O MY Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it: thy will be done.

POSTCOMMUNION

GRANT, O Lord, that by the operation of these thy mysteries, we may be cleansed from all our sins: and obtain that which we have asked according to thy will. Through.

The Last Gospel is omitted.

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